

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Wentink

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Examiner: Taylor, Nicholas R.

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For: **Technique for Optimizing Backoff for a Shared Resource**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

The outstanding Final Office Action mailed October 31, 2007 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments in which claims 1, 8, 13, and 18 are amended, and consider the following remarks. Claims 1-21 are now pending in the present application. In accordance with 37 U.S.C. §1.114, a Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently with this response to the Final Office Action so that the Final Office Action mailed October 31, 2007 is now effectively made non-final. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.